

IMPLEMENTATION REGULATIONS

VIETNAM MARINE PROTECTED AREA CONSERVATIONIST NETWORK

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CHAPTER 1

NAME - PRINCIPLE - AIM

Article 1: Name

:Vietnam Marine Protected Area (MPA) conservationist network

Article 2: Principle, aim and operation scale

1. Vietnam Marine Protected Area (MPA) conservationist network is a volunteer organisation made up of individuals, and Vietnamese and international organisations. Each is keen on marine conservation in Vietnam.
2. The Vietnam MPA conservationist network operates across the Social Republic of Vietnam.
3. To create an unofficial forum to share information within the marine conservationist network in order to support Vietnam's MPA management.
4. The Vietnam MPA conservationist network is a non-profit and non-political organisation.

CHAPTER 2

THE ACTIVITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIETNAM MARINE PROTECTED AREA CONSERVATIONIST NETWORK

Article 3: The network's activities

1. The network includes members, leaders and a coordination board.
2. The board includes: one director and two deputy directors elected by all network members .
3. The leader board's secretary is appointed by the director.
4. The director of the board can be selected for a maximum of two terms.
5. The coordination board is assigned by the network's donors.

Article 4: Implementation regulations

1. All members work voluntarily based on the implementation regulations of the Vietnam MPA conservationist network.
2. All network activities are in accordance with and follow Vietnam's law.
3. The network has at least one meeting a year to evaluate achievements.
4. The financial resource for the network come from individuals, donors and the network's activities.
5. A meeting with over 50% member participation can have full right to make decisions in a working year.

CHAPTER 3

RIGHT, INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS IN THE NETWORK

Article 5: Member's right and interest

1. Run for election, nominate and vote for the leaders of Vietnam MPA conservationist network.
2. Discuss and vote on issues related to the network activities.
3. Exchange, share and use information on marine protection.
4. Resign.
5. Study, and exchange experiences on MPA management within Vietnam and internationally.

Article 6: Member's responsibility

1. Share information within the network (through donations, meetings, and events that relate to MPAs within Vietnam or internationally).
2. Share lessons learned in natural resource and marine biodiversity management.
3. Share technical knowledge on marine conservation.
4. Work together to solve problems, face challenges and to improve MPA results.
5. Discuss issues related to marine conservation in Vietnam (for example, community based conservation, or co-management arrangements).
6. Update information on marine conservation throughout Vietnam.
7. Build and develop the network (search for donor information)

Article 7: Necessary conditions to become a network member

1. People belong to regulation in Chapter 1, Article 2 and voluntarily send a request to board to become a member of the Vietnam MPA conservationist network.
2. The sender will become a member once the board has informed all the members and there are no objections.

CHAPTER 4**RIGHTS, INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF NETWORK LEADERS****Article 8: Rights of Vietnam MPA conservationist network's leaders**

1. Receive requests and make decisions on new members.
2. Allow members to resign.
3. Exchange information with donors.
4. Director appoints the network's secretary.
5. Decide on network meeting schedules. .
6. Manage all network activities.

Article 9: Responsibility of Vietnam MPA conservationist network's leaders

1. Encourage members to work effectively.
2. Keep regular contact with donors.
3. Arrange programme and agenda for all network meetings.
4. Inform all members of all network related issues in a timely manner.

5. Manage financial resources effectively, based on the requirements of the donors.
6. Provide financial disclosure at annual meetings .

CHAPTER 5

REWARD AND VIOLATION

Article 10: Reward

Members who operate in an outstanding manner will be rewarded at the annual network meeting.

Article 11: Violation

Members who violate the network's regulations will be expelled.

CHAPTER 6

IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLES

1. This regulation includes 6 chapters, 11 articles, the first meeting of Vietnam MPA conservationist network approved on 6 June 2006 in Nui Chua National Park in Ninh Thuan Province.
2. This regulation can be reformed or added to at the network's annual meeting with a two-thirds majority approval by members.